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Peres in Tel Aviv
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In interview with 'Post' Shcharansky: 'Work with dissidents did not hurt aliya'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Anatoly Shcharansky believes that his involvement with Soviet human rights dissidents in the early Seventies not only "did not hurt" the Jewish aliya movement in which he was also active, but also lent extra respect to his work for Jewish emigration.
In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, the 38-year-old former Prisoner of Zion — freed just 10 days ago — thus rejected a central premise of the Israeli government establishment that Soviet dissidents and aliya activists must not be mentioned in the same breath. The authorities here have insisted that linking the struggle for human rights in the USSR would only harm the cause of Jews who want to settle in Israel, since they do not oppose the Soviet system but just want to leave.
"I didn't want to dictate to the Russians what their laws should be because I wanted to emigrate, but I felt I had to draw attention to the human rights problem as well," Shcharansky said in the Jerusalem apartment that served for years as the headquarters for his wife Avital's struggle for his release.
Asked about his friend, nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov, he said he was very concerned for his welfare. Recent reports say that Sakharov is being subjected to mental and physical torture. "He is the conscience of the Soviet Union," said Shcharansky.
He told *The Post* that despite rumours to the contrary, he and Avital plan to live permanently in Jerusalem and not in any moshav or settlement or town anywhere else in the country. He wants to see the city to decide exactly in what neighbourhood.
Shcharansky also expressed his amazement and distress that some Israeli and foreign press reports have been "completely false," especially about pressure for him to become religious and plans for him to become active in party politics.
The full interview will appear in *The Post's* Friday magazine this week.

Roy Isaacowitz adds:
The country's political parties are gearing up for the campaign to attract Shcharansky. The Labour Party has appointed a special liaison with Shcharansky, while Herut has offered him top billing at its convention next month.
Shcharansky has apparently already begun to weed out the yeshiva students who have surrounded him since his arrival in Israel. Avi Maoz, the unofficial spokesman and assistant of Shcharansky's wife Avital, will be leaving his post today.
Shcharansky has already been offered jobs in his field of expertise, mathematics, at the Technion, the Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University. However, he has put off making a decision until after he and Avital take a two-week vacation on a moshav in the Hermon. Their vacation will begin today.

Walter Ruby adds from New York:
Shcharansky yesterday called on world Jewry to "redouble its efforts" on behalf of the Prisoners of Zion and of Soviet Jews.
In a phone hook-up to the 350 delegates at the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, Shcharansky said he believed this was a good moment to "use this enthusiasm" (aroused around his release) and the good policy of the U.S. "to free all the Prisoners of Zion."

Five soldiers wounded in Gaza grenade attack
GAZA (Itim). — Five IDF soldiers were slightly wounded on patrol in Gaza yesterday by a grenade thrown at them in Medina Square.

Doctors could be held responsible for birth defects
There may be instances, albeit rare ones, where it may be determined that it would be better for someone not to have been born than to live with a severe disability.
This was the reasoning behind yesterday's decision by the Supreme Court, which held that doctors may be sued for damages should their advice on genetic birth defects be wrong, and a child be born defective.
Moreover, the court ruled that the right to sue the doctor is not limited to the parents but extends to the child as well — who might have been better off unborn.
In a decision laden with philosophical speculations on the value of life and the responsibility for bringing life into the world, the bench ruled four to one in favour of a couple whose son was born 11 years ago with Hunter's syndrome. This is a hereditary disease sometimes known as "gargoylism" severely hampers

Mubarak: Jordan, PLO to restart talks

Jerusalem Post Middle East Editor and agencies
The Palestinian-Jordanian talks on a Middle East settlement, which broke down in Amman earlier this month, are to resume there in the next few days, Egyptian President Mubarak told journalists in Cairo yesterday.
Mubarak did not say at what level the talks would resume.
Meanwhile, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said in Cairo before leaving for Tunis yesterday, that "there are no differences whatsoever between us and King Hussein. The difference is between us and the U.S. administration."
The PLO leader left Cairo, after meetings with Egyptian leaders, for a session of the PLO Executive Committee due to be convened in Tunis today to discuss the U.S. proposals for getting peace talks under way.
King Hussein is expected to speak on Jordan television and radio at 6 p.m. today and to state Jordan's position on the Palestinian problem. Jordan has not yet officially confirmed Mubarak's statement on the resumption of talks with the PLO.
Mubarak's announcement was apparently designed to prevent Hussein from saying anything in his speech that might jeopardize continuation of the talks and widen the rift between Jordan and the PLO. Arafat's statement was ostensibly meant to convey the same message. Both Egypt and the PLO leadership want to create the impression that the talks have not run aground.
West Bankers who returned from Amman over the past few days reported that the king would probably denounce the PLO in his speech, and blame their intransigence for the failure of the talks. At the very least, he is likely to absolve Jordan of blame for that failure.

Rapist escapes
By LIOBA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — A rapist-robber escaped from Beersheba prison last night by climbing over a seven-metre wall. Prisons Service spokesman Shimon Malka reported that Salem Said Abu Sulb, 32, of Dimona had served three years of a 22-year sentence.

Pollard refusing to plead guilty to espionage

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent
Fears are growing that Jonathan Pollard, arrested in Washington by the FBI on November 21 on suspicion of being an Israeli spy, will refuse to submit a guilty plea, and will thus force a trial that neither Washington nor Israel wants.
The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that efforts to extract a guilty plea have failed, and a trial is almost certain.
In a series of unprecedented contacts between December 11 and 17, Israel cooperated with an American delegation representing the FBI, the

2 yeshiva soldiers, 1 a UK immigrant

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
There was tense uncertainty and apprehension at the home of Mordechai and Hadassah Fink in Ra'anana yesterday as the family awaited news of their son Yossi, kidnapped in South Lebanon on Monday.
The family asked not to be interviewed until they had heard news of their 20-year-old son. "You will understand that we are not in a frame of mind to answer any questions today," the father of the missing soldier said. A friend answered the door but would not allow reporters to speak to any members of the Fink family.
Yossi is the only son among four children. He was a student at the Midrashat Noam yeshiva in Pardess Hanna and a member of the Bnei Akiva youth movement. He served as a header soldier, combining studies at the Karnei Shomron yeshiva with military service.
The Fink family settled in Ra'anana after immigrating from Manchester 14 years ago. Mordechai (Merton) Fink owned a factory that produced envelopes, but sold it some months ago.
The second captured soldier, Rahamin Alsheikh, of Rosh Ha'ayin, also serves in the header programme and is a fellow student of Fink's at Karnei Shomron. He is one of eight children.
At the Alsheikh home yesterday, family and friends prayed throughout the day for the deliverance of their son.



IDF troops stand guard at the entrance to Khourb al-Salem village in South Lebanon yesterday as an armoured personnel carrier passes. (Kueper telephone)

Efforts for soldiers' release will shift to diplomatic channels

Israeli officials are reaching the assumption that the two Israeli soldiers abducted in southern Lebanon Monday are in Beirut. Consequently, the huge operation immediately launched by the Israel Defence Forces to try to locate the men is expected to wind down in coming days, with efforts to secure their release moving to the diplomatic sphere.
Intense diplomatic activity through the American Embassy in Tel Aviv was already reported last night. Given that the Hizbollah is also holding hostage five Americans

ANALYSIS
HIRSH GOODMAN

Syrian forces there.
Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy and O/C Northern Command Ori Orr made it clear yesterday that they were not interested in escalation, or in altering the status quo in southern Lebanon, and that the current op-

Captives believed in Beirut Kidnappers give IDF till 9 p.m. to withdraw

The radical Shi'ites who abducted two Israeli soldiers in the South Lebanon security zone on Monday threatened to kill one of them by 9 p.m. today unless Israeli troops withdraw from Lebanon.
The IDF spokesman officially refused to comment on the report, issued in Beirut by what appears to be a front group for the Hizbollah (Party of God).
The "Islamic Resistance Front" identified the two IDF men as "Yosef Bink" [Yosef Fink] and Rahamin Levi Alsheikh. It also provided their correct military identification number and pictures of their IDF identity cards and disks.
According to informed sources, Israel is in close consultation with the U.S. over the situation in Lebanon, since Hizbollah also holds five American and two French hostages.
It is possible that the two soldiers who were abducted near Beit Yahoun inside the security zone, may already be in Beirut. However, there was no definite proof of that as of last night, and thousands of IDF soldiers were poised to resume their search today, backed by helicopter gunships, tanks and armoured personnel carriers.
If the Hizbollah succeeds in transferring its IDF captives out of Israel's reach, the group is likely to demand the closure of the South Lebanese Army's al-Khiyam detention centre and the release of its internees. (See page 3 story.) Al-Khiyam, north of Metulla, holds 200-400 prisoners, many of them members of Amal. The release of these detainees would greatly enhance the Hizbollah's prestige in South Lebanon, which is largely controlled by the bigger Amal organization.
The Hizbollah may also demand the release of PLO prisoners held by Israel. The mainstream PLO, loyal to Yasser Arafat, is aligned in South Lebanon — especially in the Sidon area — with the Hizbollah, against their common foe, Amal.
Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy said that the searches would go on. He said that the IDF had taken steps to allay panic in the Shi'ite areas, and had distributed leaflets urging the population not to flee the area of the search operations.
In Tibnin village about 200 men

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(Compiled from reports by Hersh Goodman, Joshua Brillant, Menachem Horowitz, Michal Yudelman, Asher Wallfish, Wolf Blitzer and Benny Morris.)

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FRANKFURT	-6	21	-3	25	Cloudy	
GENEVA	0	32	2	35	Cloudy	
HELSINKI	-4	28	-2	28	Cloudy	
HONG KONG	15	59	25	77	Clear	
JAKARTA	15	59	25	77	Clear	
LONDON	-1	30	1	34	Cloudy	
MADRID	3	37	10	50	Clear	
MONTREAL	-4	7	-5	23	Cloudy	
NEW YORK	-2	29	2	35	Cloudy	
OSLO	-4	24	-2	28	Cloudy	
PARIS	-3	27	1	33	Cloudy	
SAO PAULO	15	59	25	77	Clear	
STOCKHOLM	-12	10	-6	28	Cloudy	
TOKYO	9	32	3	37	Snowy	
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Jerusalem	48	3-14	15	
Golan	66	14-15	15	
Safed	67	6-11	13	
Haifa Port	48	13-21	22	
Tiberias	46	7-21	22	
Nazareth	46	6-17	19	
Afula	52	3-19	21	
Shomron	59	4-16	18	
Tel Aviv	70	9-19	20	
B-G Airport	66	6-19	21	
Jericho	44	6-22	24	
Gaza	69	8-20	21	
Beersheba	38	7-20	21	
Eilat	23	10-24	25	

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Sam Adler, senior physician of Shaare Zedek Hospital, will speak on "Prevention of Colon Cancer" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA at 1 p.m. today.

Merav Neshet will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Rotary Club's luncheon meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

BIRTH

VERSANO - To Ronny and Moshe, a son, on February 18, grandson to Esther and Moshe Pinto, and Mordechai Versano of Jerusalem.

Policemen hurt at Kach demo

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two Border Policemen were slightly injured yesterday in a fracas that developed around a Kach demonstration in Jaffa's Arab quarter.

Portugal releases Sartawi's killer

LISBON (AP). - Portuguese authorities have released from prison a member of the PLO Abu Nidal faction responsible for the assassination of Yasser Arafat's adviser Issam Sartawi.

LEAH FEIGE CORMAN

The Council of English Speaking Chapters and the Jerusalem Branch of Emunah extend heartfelt condolences to their Haver Cynthia Rose on the loss of her dear mother

LEAH FEIGE CORMAN

Prof. LEV TUMERMAN

a distinguished scientist who abandoned his position among the Soviet scientific elite in order to contribute his talents to the development of Israel.

The Institute expresses its condolences to his bereaved family.

FRUMA KARKLIN

will be held at the Ramat Hasharon Cemetery on Thursday, February 21, 1986, at 4.00 p.m.

The Family

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Coalition ducks showdown on race and PLO bills

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

The coalition executive yesterday decided to postpone a showdown over the "anti-racism" and "anti-PLO" bills after last minute opposition in the Labour Party caucus and in the religious lobby.

The long and often bitterly fought passage of both bills through the Knesset is now postponed for at least another week.

Yesterday's events were a slap in the face for the coalition's trouble-shooters. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Energy Minister Moshe Shahal, who had forged an agreement to link the two bills as a means of by-passing opposition in both the Likud and Labour.

The precipitous deterioration in the relations between the two major parties is reflected in the failure of both bills to get as far as the plenum for their second and third reading.

Labour sources said last night. The bills were returned to the Knesset Law Committee yesterday and are likely to be discussed again by the coalition executive next week.

The first bill, an amendment to the Penal Code, would make incitement to racism a punishable offence. The second would outlaw most forms of contact with terrorist organizations. Their linking was reportedly decided on at cabinet level with the approval of Prime Minister Peres.

The first storm blew up in the Labour caucus, when a group of "doves," led by MK David Liba'i, objected both to the anti-PLO bill and to the linkage. The agreement to link the bills was defended strongly by Energy Minister Moshe Shahal and with less enthusiasm by caucus whip MK Rafi Edri.

Three votes were held, amidst mutual recriminations, with the caucus eventually opting

for a camouflaged form of freedom of conscience: Alignment members wanting to vote against the bill in the plenum would have to receive the permission of Edri - who let it be known that he would approve all such requests.

Labour's decision was denounced by the Likud as a violation of the linkage agreement. "What does meeting with (terrorist leader) Abu Nidal have to do with freedom of conscience," Justice Minister Moshe Nissim asked in a stormy meeting with Shahal.

With Labour having put the passage of the bills in doubt, the religious parties decided to give vent to their misgivings over the bill forbidding racial incitement. "This bill strangles me," said Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of Shas at a meeting of the religious lobby. "Religious Jews in Israel will be more oppressed than the Jews in Russia."

MK Avraham Shapira summed up the religious position when he said that the bill would make him a criminal for reciting the Havdala prayer at the conclusion of the Sabbath. "Will a Moslem who does not want a Jew buried in a Moslem graveyard be considered a racist?" he asked.

The religious lobby decided to make its support of the bill conditional on the inclusion of a sentence to the effect that "Jewish law (Halacha) will not be considered racism."

Yesterday's storm marked another low point in the relations between the parties. Things could get much worse if the anti-PLO bill is brought to the plenum next week and a sizeable number of Alignment MKs, including Minister-without-Portfolio, Ezer Weizman, vote against. That, Likud sources said last night, would be a gross infringement of an agreement between the two parties.



Premier Shimon Peres is entertained by pupils at Tel Aviv's Arts School during his tour of the city yesterday.

Shimon Peres, local boy made good

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - "I love Jerusalem, but there I live in rotation. In Tel Aviv I'm a permanent resident who grew up here," Premier Shimon Peres said at the reception during which Mayor Shlomo Lahat presented him with the key to the city.

Hundreds of elementary school children waved blue-and-white flags as Peres approached city hall across a red carpet.

Before taking him on a day-long tour of the city, Lahat assured the premier that he would not ask for money, because Tel Aviv's situation was "just fine, and I wish every other municipality had it so good." But he would ask for a few changes in the laws, Lahat said, mentioning the tenant protection (key money) law, which he said prevented the city from renovating old buildings.

The tour was carefully planned to show off the city's attractive spots, and keep Peres away from the ugly ones, where embittered residents might express their emotions. But the plan did not quite work.

After lunch, in one of the Hatikva

Quarter's new, slick-looking areas, a group of Ezra Quarter residents caught up with Lahat shouting, "Why don't you take him to Ezra Quarter to see what really happens in Tel Aviv? Come to our streets and see the garbage filling them. What do we pay taxes for?"

The highlight of the tour was the city's Arts School, whose pupils staged a show for the prime minister. An 8½-year-old elfin blonde, Ya'el Be'er, seated Peres on a throne in the school's sunny square, and then, group by group, the children performed for him, with Peres having to guess what subject each group specialized in.

One group sang, another danced, a third painted (later presenting Peres and Lahat with their portraits) and a fourth performed an improvised Shakespearean scene. One by one, questioned by the blonde sprite at his side, Peres got the answers right: "Music," "dance," "drama," "painting."

He was then led round the school and treated to a concert based on the lyrics of a poem he had once written about Tel Aviv.

A brief and rapid ride through

Arab Jaffa gave no one a chance to see its desperate housing situation. The tour proceeded instead to the tennis centre in Yafa-Dalet and to the Kiryat Shalom sports centre, both of which earned a walking visit.

Following a stroll on two renovated streets in the Hatikva Quarter, Peres then withdrew, with Lahat and their entourage, to lunch at the home of Mazal and Nissim Moshe.

Nissim said he was a Likudnik, but "not so much" since Begin had left, and he wished Peres many more years as prime minister. Mazal, who worked for an entire week on the delicacies served the prime minister, was beside herself with excitement. Peres was photographed with the family and, holding their son in his arms, asked the tot what kindergarten he attended.

During the first course - about 15 oriental salads - Lahat and his deputy Yigal Griffl told Peres about Project Renewal. With the main course - beef in a Yemenite sauce and chicken - the conversation centred on unemployment, but by desert time, the shouts of angry Ezra Quarter residents outside made further talk impossible.

POLLARD

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Pollard's decision to go to court is probably based, in part, on the assumption that neither the Israelis nor the Pentagon will respond favourably to the Justice Department's requests for evidence, given the acute sensitivity of the documents. Pollard's counsel has apparently decided that his client is likely to receive a lighter sentence by standing trial.

Wolf Blitzer adds from Washington:

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia has not yet entered into any plea bargaining procedures with attorneys representing Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard. Both are still in the District of Columbia jail awaiting the outcome of a secret U.S. Grand Jury which is taking evidence related to the case.

James F. Hibey, attorney for Mrs. Henderson-Pollard, yesterday told The Post that the Grand Jury is to issue indictments "within the next week or two." But he noted that the U.S. Attorney may seek yet another extension in advance of any formal indictments.

Hibey said that since this was a Federal case, neither of the Pollards had had to enter a formal pre-indictment plea. But he noted that both Pollards had originally pleaded not guilty when they were arrested in November.

Pollard, a civilian analyst for the U.S. Navy, has been accused of providing Israel with numerous secret documents in exchange for payment of some \$1,500 dollars a month for a year and a half.

He has been charged with espionage, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. His wife has been charged with possessing unauthorized material, which carries a maximum 10-year prison sentence.

Charge explodes at Tiberias bus station

TIBERIAS (Itim). - A small explosive charge went off at noon yesterday near the Tiberias central bus station. No one was hurt and there was no damage. The police made several arrests.

KNESSET NEWS

Post Knesset Staff

Workers must cooperate to save shipyard jobs - Corfu

Transport Minister Haim Corfu yesterday urged the Haifa shipyard workers to cooperate with the receiver so that he could get the shipyard working again.

Corfu was replying to a no-confidence motion by Chaika Grossman (Mapam), who charged that the appointment of a receiver was the first step towards closing down the shipyards.

The motion was defeated, the vote being along coalition-opposition lines. But Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar (Alignment) and Ya'acov Shamai, who leads the Likud representation in the Histadrut, voted with the opposition.

Corfu said that those who were encouraging the workers to demonstrate and resort to violence were deluding them. There was an explicit government decision to open the shipyard, but the workers must make this possible.

Electronic voting approved

The Knesset yesterday voted NIS 100,000 from the 1986/87 budget of the House to install an electronic voting system in the plenum.

Deputy Speaker Aharon Nahmias said yesterday that the system could be installed in four months.

Because of the possibility that

MKs might abuse the key and the card systems to substitute for absent colleagues, with or without their permission, it was suggested that voting might be by fingerprint, using the pattern recognition process.

Tunik: Banks may short-change Clarin clients

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik warned yesterday that the monopoly granted by the courts to the banks, the big creditors of Clarin Housing Corporation, in the appointment of the receivers, could easily tempt them to sell off all the Clarin properties at a bargain price thus ensuring that they get their own debts repaid quickly, but leaving home-purchasers in the lurch.

Righteous Gentiles' pensions

The Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee this week approved the agreement between the Treasury and the National Insurance Institute giving pensions to 31 Righteous Gentiles living in Israel.

The Righteous Gentiles, who risked their lives and those of their families during the Nazi Holocaust, when they rescued Jews from extermination, will get NIS 850 monthly in addition to the usual old-age pension.

2 sentenced for cab driver murder

Two men were yesterday found guilty by the Jerusalem District court of murdering Jerusalem taxi driver David Caspi last April.

Mohammed A'shur (26) of Shuafat was sentenced to life imprisonment. His accomplice, a minor, was given a 24-year sentence. The judges ruled that the murder had been committed for nationalist reasons.

The two stopped Caspi's cab at the Russian Compound and asked to be taken to Shuafat. Once on the road,

the minor pulled out a pistol and aimed it at Caspi. Caspi fought him and, in the struggle, the youth was wounded in the shoulder. A'shur then picked up the pistol and shot Caspi in the head. The two threw Caspi's body into a quarry and abandoned the cab in Shuafat.

The judges found that although the two had originally claimed their motive was robbery, they had, in fact, killed Caspi for nationalist reasons. (Itim)

EC court backs UK ban on oil sales to Israel

LUXEMBOURG. - The European Court of Justice ruled yesterday that a British Government policy effectively banning North Sea oil exports to Israel does not violate European Community law.

The EC court ruled that the 1975 agreement of association between the EC and Israel "does not prohibit the imposition of new quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect on exports from a [European Community] member state to Israel."

In 1982, Bulk Oil AG of Switzerland was fined \$15 million in Britain for trying to sell British North Sea crude to Israel. The oil was sold to Bulk by Sun Oil Trading Co.

Under a policy formulated by a Labour government in 1979 and later adopted by the Conservative government, Britain authorizes exports of North Sea oil to only the 12 EC states, member nations of the International Energy Agency, and Finland.

In court hearings in Britain, Sun Oil and Bulk Oil both asked for an

EC court ruling on whether the 1975 association agreement allowed Britain to restrict exports to Israel.

The EC court ruling cannot be overturned in any court in Britain.

Under EC law, opinions of the European court take precedence over national legislation or court decisions.

The case was seen as a key test of the rights of EC members to maintain the rules of the Arab boycott of Israel, often a condition for trade with lucrative Arab markets.

The matter is to be raised in Parliament by Conservative member Teddy Taylor, who wants the government to either admit that it is boycotting Israel or abandon the boycott altogether.

Britain has always claimed that its oil export guidelines are not aimed at Israel. Israel is only affected since she is not a member of the European Community or the International Energy Agency, to whom exports were confined during the 1979 world oil shortage. (AP, JTA)

IN PERSON

PLO has someone to talk to



Mattityahu Peled

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

"One of them is superfluous and the other a farce," Mattityahu Peled, one of the two Progressive List for Peace MKs, was speaking about the anti-terrorism and anti-racism amendments that were to have been before the Knesset yesterday.

The proposed amendment to the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance is "completely superfluous," says Peled, a retired IDF major-general, because Israel has sufficient comprehensive laws to prosecute Israelis assisting terrorism or spying on behalf of terrorists.

The proposed amendment, which would forbid meetings between Israelis and members of the PLO, is designed to prevent the legitimization of the PLO in the eyes of the Israeli public.

"I've met hundreds of times with Fatah leaders," says Peled, speaking of the past 10 years. He draws a careful line between Fatah and the rejectionist factions. While Fatah does not shy away from using violence, he says, it is in principle committed to the idea of a political settlement of the Middle East conflict. Peled won't meet with George Habash or Ahmed Jibril ("and they haven't shown an interest in meeting me"), because, he implies, they are committed to violence.

When it comes to the PLO (and Fatah) leader and to Fatah in general, says Peled, "there is someone to talk to and something to talk about" - and the anti-terrorism amendment is "designed specifically to prevent this message from getting to the Israeli public." The amendment has a clear political rather than security aim, he says, pointing out that it does not forbid Israeli academics from meeting PLO men at academic gatherings, so long as there is no political contact, "to use the phrase of the amendment."

He fears that the law will involve discrimination, with political leaders deciding whom to prosecute on the basis of political considerations. As for himself and the PLP, he says: "We have always been law-abiding. But we will seek ways, within the law, to continue meeting with the PLO."

Referring to the second bill, he says: "I support legislation against racism. But this is a farce." If you want to legislate against racism, you can adopt one of two methods - you either ban organizations that espouse and incite to racism, or delegitimize "discrimination."

The U.S. broke the back of racism in the South by using legislation to make discrimination illegal. "But the proposed [Israeli] amendment does not prohibit (or refer to) discrimination. Hence, it has no teeth, it is vague and [will be] ineffective," says Peled.

He predicts that Kach leader Meir Kahane will, for instance, revert to "quoting scriptural passages and Maimonides (to make his racist points)... Who is going to prosecute him for that?"

Peled says that the "real aim of the racism amendment was to legitimize the first (anti-terrorism) amendment. The two were construed as politically symmetrical. Thus (the Israeli political system) regards the Israeli Nazi party and the Israeli peace movement as equally bad."

Peled is optimistic about Middle East peace moves. He thinks the recent "Jordanian-PLO-American negotiations in Amman brought results, not a breakthrough, but clear [positive] results." He cites last week's State Department statement on the "Palestinian problem being more than a refugee problem, as a sign of the progress made, as was Arafat's response. "When in the past did the PLO ever approve a State Department statement?"

Only Israel, says Peled, has remained where it was, "waiting for a telephone call from Hussein [as in 1967]."

81-year-old held on murder charge

TEL AVIV (Itim). - An 81-year-old resident of Petah Tikva was remanded in custody yesterday until the end of his trial for the attempted murder of his 72-year-old brother-in-law.

Avraham Abed is charged in the District Court here with trying to stab his brother-in-law, Zerah Daniel, of Ramat Hasharon. Abed was married to Daniel's sister for six years. When she died, he expected her family to aid him financially and asked Daniel for a loan of IS200,000. When Daniel refused to give Abed the money, Abed came to his home on January 19 and tried to stab him.

Syria, Iran back Lebanon Hizbollah fanatics

By RON JOURARD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hizbollah, the Shi'ite extremist terror group evidently behind Monday's abduction of two Israeli soldiers in South Lebanon, wants to make the area the "front line" of an Islamic war for the "liberation of Palestine from the Zionists."

This is the view of Clinton Bailey, an Arab affairs expert at Tel Aviv University. The Hizbollah, which was established in the wake of the Lebanon War, is funded by the Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran, and has "much more money" than Amal, the main Shi'ite organization in South Lebanon, says Bailey. Hizbollah's training camps are in the Bekaa Valley, its headquarters in Beirut.

The Hizbollah receives logistical support from Syria, with which it coordinates its actions. Under Syrian guidance, its suicide bombers destroyed the U.S. and French embassies in Beirut.

The increasing number of Shi'ite casualties from Israeli bombardments and the raids against Shi'ite villages by the Israeli-backed South Lebanese Army have created resentment among the Shi'ite community, and operations such as

Monday's kidnapping are designed to exploit that resentment to gain popularity and upstage Amal by showing that Hizbollah is "doing more" against Israel.

In return for the release of the captured Israelis, Bailey predicts, the Hizbollah is likely to demand that Israel free Shi'ite prisoners being held in al-Khiyam in the security zone.

But the Hizbollah is unlikely to kill the Israelis as it did three Lebanese Jewish hostages in Beirut over the past two months. "They'd be in for too harsh a reaction," says Bailey. Hizbollah's leaders in Beirut, he says, are known and would not be too hard to find.

Bailey points out that while the struggle for control of the south is mainly between the pragmatic, moderate Amal militia, under Nabih Berri, and the fanatic Hizbollah, the pro-Syrian Ba'ath Party, the Communists and the Syrian Nationalist Socialist Party are also competing.

The aims of Amal and the Hizbollah, he believes, are poles apart. Unlike the fundamentalist Hizbollah adherents, Amal wants stability in the south so that the Shi'ite community can better itself. The organization, he points out, was found-

ed by Moussa Sadr in 1975, to advance Shi'ite welfare.

But Bailey, who was an adviser to the Defence Ministry during the first phase of the Lebanon War, believes that Israel's presence in South Lebanon has set off a dynamic of violence that can only be to its detriment.

The violence, he says, serves the extremists. Therefore, it may be in Israel's best interests to leave the area before the situation deteriorates completely.

Bailey acknowledges that Amal is active against Israel and the SLA in South Lebanon. But he says that unless it acts to dislodge Israel from the security zone, Syria will not acquiesce in the group's moves against the Palestinian terrorists.

Where does all this lead? Israel, Bailey maintains, should seek an arrangement whereby Amal would maintain security in South Lebanon in conjunction with Unifil. Unifil could provide infrastructure, such as roadblocks, while Amal could furnish the intelligence and maintain a home-guard in every village to prevent hostile activity.

Thousands of children hurt at school

By JOEL REBIBO
for The Jerusalem Post

Six thousand children were injured in schools last year, half of them in the playgrounds, during break.

"Pupils' violence and rowdiness were responsible for most injuries," says the Education Ministry's Shai Gadish.

According to Gadish, a third of those injured were treated by school nurses. The others needed casualty ward treatment or hospitalization proper.

"The older the kids the fewer the violent incidents," says Gadish. "Pupils in grades 3-5 are particularly rough and have the highest rate of school accidents."

A directive from the director-general's office makes it mandatory for teachers to supervise breaks, but two or three teachers are not enough. "Schools that have organized activities during break significantly reduce the number of injuries," says Gadish.

Budget cuts have made the classrooms almost as dangerous as the playgrounds, Gadish believes. "Principals don't have the money for substitute teachers. When teachers are ill, the principals have no choice but to declare free periods, which leave the kids unsupervised," he explains.

When pupils are older, the soccer fields and basketball courts are the main arenas for accidents: 15 per cent of last year's injuries were physical education classes. Field trips accounted for another 7 per cent.

The northern district consistently reports fewer injuries than the central and southern districts. "Partly, that's perhaps because principals are less strict about filing reports, but I suspect that they do have fewer accidents because there are more kibbutzim, moshavim and small communities there. It's a different population," Gadish says.

Group for coexistence

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Abbas Hijazi, mayor of Tamra, has proposed that Israel stop using the term "racism." Speaking at a founding meeting of Yachdav, an association against racism and for coexistence, he pointed out that Arabs and Jews were of the same race and, as cousins belonged to the same family and that the term was therefore inappropriate.

Hijazi said he believed that what was needed was not a joint fight against racism, but a campaign for peace between Jews and Arabs. "It is up to the Jews to play the major role in this campaign, because lately extremism has come mainly from the Jewish part of the population," he said.

Local mayors, Jewish and Arab, were among some 150 people who attended the meeting.

Auschwitz film may be shown in both Germanys

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — A West German documentary, *The Liberation of Auschwitz*, may be broadcast by TV networks in both East and West Germany. It was produced from film shot by a Soviet Army movie crew which entered the camp with the Red Army's front line units in January 1945.

The West German production company Chronos obtained the film from the Soviet government. Chronos's owner, Bengt von zur Muehlen, said that the interest in the film in both Germanys had been generated by press reports.

The more shocking moments of the film, showing the post-mortem examination of children's corpses, will not be included in the documentary, he said.

Chronos has given copies of the film to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, and to Beth Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv.



Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir takes a seat with the pupils at a school in Kfar Tavor, in northern Israel, which he visited on Monday.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Herzog to address memorial for Grunzweig

Eleventh and 12th grade Jerusalem high school pupils are to attend a study day at Binyanei Ha'uma on Israeli democracy, on the third anniversary of the murder of Emil Grunzweig in a Peace Now demonstration.

President Herzog, army personnel, academics and educationalists are to address the pupils.

The study day is organized by the Ministry of Education in cooperation with the Fund for the Commemoration of Emil Grunzweig.

The Ministry of Communications announced yesterday that a stamp devoted to the fight against racism will be issued in July. The proposal by Minister of Communications Amnon Rubinstein was approved by the Ministerial Committee on Symbols.

High school strikes in central region today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Forty junior and senior high schools in the central and southern regions are to start classes at 10:30 a.m. this morning, as the Secondary School Teachers Association continues its protest strike against erosion of its members' salaries.

Today's strike will affect Petah Tikva, Bnei Brak, Rosh Ha'ayin, Nehalim, Givat Shmuel, Gedera, Rehovot, Nes Ziona, Rishon LeZion, Beit Dagan, the Johanna Jabotinsky School and Ort Tel Nof. Teachers belonging to the Histadrut Teachers Union will not participate in the strike.

Rains replenishing Kinneret's level

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The recent rains have added 21 centimetres to the level of the depleted Kinneret, the equivalent of about 33 million cubic metres of water. The lake's level yesterday morning was only 2.4 metres short of its optimum level.

Herzog says medical loan centre is 'humanity at its best'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Beit Hanassi yesterday presented Yad Sarah with 10 new wheelchairs — one for each chapter due to open this year — in honour of the medical equipment loan organization's 10th anniversary.

Established with only a small amount of money to lend equipment to the sick, Yad Sarah has 43 chapters around the country, 3,000 regular volunteers and only seven salaried staffers. It will lend walkers, wheelchairs, oxygen balloons, inhalators and other equipment to 150,000 families this year.

A ceremony marking its first decade was held at Beit Hanassi yesterday, in the presence of President Herzog and his wife Aura (who spent the morning volunteering at Yad Sarah's headquarters in Jerusalem), Health Minister Mordechai Gur, Yad Sarah founder Uri Lupatinsky and volunteers and supporters.

Herzog termed the organization

Search on for attacker in Beit Shemesh area

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Police were searching the Beit Shemesh area and surrounding forests yesterday for a 25-30 year-old man suspected of trying to murder a Jerusalem man earlier in the day.

Ami Mesika, 27, a student at the Lev Barim Yeshiva, told police yesterday his attacker "wore a kippa yet may have been Arab."

Mesika, driving a Peugeot truck to Jerusalem, stopped at about 11 a.m. some 500 metres from the Sha'ar Hagai intersection to pick up a lone hitch-hiker. "He sat for barely a minute and before I knew it a gun was in my belly and he was ordering me to drive in the direction of the forest," Mesika said.

According to Mesika, the suspect had pulled the trigger, but the gun had malfunctioned, preventing the bullet from being fired. "We started fighting and all I remember was having a hard time controlling the car."

Mesika said that the suspect had then escaped and run off in the direction of the forest.

Ehud Ya'ari attacks media for 'saturnalia' of murder coverage

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Ehud Ya'ari, Israel Television's Arab Affairs reporter and husband of Hava Ya'ari, who is being held on a charge of murdering American tourist Mala Melavsky, yesterday attacked the media for its "indecent and illegal" coverage of the early stages of his wife's investigation.

Ya'ari said that all decency and concern for privacy and for the law had been trampled underfoot by the media's sensationalist treatment of the case.

"The Editors Committee, the Press Council and the Journalists' Ethics Committee all kept silent as some papers rushed to cash in on the tragedy," Ya'ari told Itim. He said that his would not be the only family to fall victim to the "saturnalia" of new norms that had recently been set.



Work continues on the excavation of the ancient boat found recently on the shores of the Kinneret (Doron Shemtov)

Ancient boat is kept wet to prevent disintegration

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LAKE KINNERET. — The ancient boat found beneath the shores of Lake Kinneret, described as providing "a quantum leap forward in our knowledge of ancient seafaring" by archaeologist Shelley Wachsmann, will be extracted from the mud within the next few days. But it will then have to be kept immersed in a chemical solution for some seven years before it becomes sturdy enough for public display.

"Unless care is taken, the wood will disintegrate and turn to dust," said Wachsmann, inspector of underwater antiquities for the Antiquities Department.

The boat is the first ancient craft ever to be retrieved in Israel, and primary concern is being given to its preservation once it is removed from the mud which has protected it for some 2,000 years. Volunteers kept pouring water over the boat's exposed parts yesterday to prevent the waterlogged wood from drying out, which would lead to its cellular collapse. The area's heat and low humidity make preservation of the boat more difficult.

"The first thing we will do after removing it is to place it for several months in water that is close to freezing," said archaeologist Orna Cohen of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who is in charge of the preservation efforts. This cold bath is intended to prevent the development of bacteria and fungi. Meanwhile, a large "bathtub" is to be prepared in the still unfinished Allon Museum at Kibbutz Ginosar, about 300 metres away. The tub will be filled with a chemical solution which will be continually heated to temperatures ranging from 30 to 60 degrees. This process will permit the durable chemical gradually to replace the water which presently constitutes the bulk of the boat's weight and content.

Wachsmann, who is excavating the boat with archaeologist Kurt Raveh, said that it offers the first insight into marine activity on the biblical Sea of Galilee.

The method of construction, he said, was identical to that of other vessels of the period. The boat has tentatively been dated to the first century BCE on the basis of an oil lamp and cooking jar found in it.

Computer problem delays Labour voters' list

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Computer problems have delayed the compiling of a voters' roll for the Labour Party's internal elections next month. The initial roll, based on the returns of the recent party census, was withdrawn last week after members complained that up to 20 per cent of those who paid membership dues were not included.

A party spokesman explained that a wayward computer had apparently been the cause of the problem, scratching out names which were misspelled or otherwise problematic. The new rolls are expected to be ready next week.

Party members will go to the polls on March 18 to elect 3,101 delegates to the party's convention on April 8, 9 and 10. A month later, on May 8, the convention delegates will meet

again to elect the approximately 1,000 members of the central committee.

The central committee elections, which are the real test of strength in the party, will not take place during the convention to avoid the convention debates being swamped by politicking, the spokesman said.

Next month's ballot will also include elections to the branch secretaries, which are the bodies that elect the party's representatives in the Knesset, the Histadrut and other national forums.

An unofficial distribution of convention delegates, based on the first computer compilation, has given the largest chunk — 223 delegates — to the Haifa area, where Labour has traditionally been strong. Tel Aviv will have 208 delegates and Jerusalem 149.

Racism bill 'is too weak'

By ASHER WALLFISH

The proposed amendment to the Penal Code that makes publication of incitement to racism punishable by five years imprisonment is a very unsatisfactory measure that merely touches the tip of the iceberg, according to one of the country's best-known academic experts in criminal law. The second and third readings of the amendment were yesterday postponed until next week.

Emeritus Professor Shneur Zalman Feller, who taught criminology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem until last year, believes that "a racist organization is a terror group in different guise."

Feller told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The issue of racist incitement will not be tackled properly by the arrangements provided for in this amendment."

"What Israel urgently needs today is not just a law to prohibit the publication of incitement to racism, but a far wider measure making it possible to physically dismantle the organizational structure of every group involved in racist talk and action," he said.

"We urgently need a law which, unlike the present amendment, will define what a racist organization is, and prescribe penalties for membership and activity in such an organization," he went on. "We need the powers to close down and eradicate such organizations. We need the powers to seize their property and

assets, and punish all those who talk or act in support of racist organizations. Racist organizations and those who associate with them must be put beyond the pale."

Feller said that a comparison of what went on at the recent Kach party convention with the fascist political conventions in the 1920s and 1930s in Europe proves that racist organizations are as big a threat to the nation as terrorist organizations.

Knesset Law Committee Chairman Eli Kulas also says that the amendment is far from being a solution to the problem of racist incitement facing Israel. While he advocated passing the measure, for the little which it admittedly would do, Kulas warned that those MKs who "had whipped themselves up into a hysteria of enthusiasm about the amendment were pulling the wool over the public's eyes."

Kulas said "the law is just a small beginning in the right direction, but when it comes to coping with Kach it is far from adequate."

Kulas blamed MKs on both the right and left for not having considered the measure and its application carefully enough.

"We can't stop Kahane and his followers in advance if we suspect that they intend to disseminate racist incitement at some scheduled event," Kulas said. "We have to wait till after the damage is done. The law affects incitement published in the media or at some public gathering."

Late night line — up

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KHADR. — It was a night like any other on the road from Bethlehem to Hebron. The first report said a missile had been fired at a bus. But by the time the army, the police and a mobile forensic laboratory crew arrived on the scene, it turned out to be perhaps a rock, or a home-made grenade that hadn't gone off, which had hit the window of the bus and inflicted some scratches on the driver.

So the Egged personnel and the sappers studied the broken glass and looked at the bus from all angles along the verge where the driver had pulled over, about 500 metres from the spot where, he said, he had seen a flash and felt the bang. But who knows, said an officer in the driver's seat of a Ford Escort, what the driver might have seen.

The Beduin tracker unit searched for footprints alongside the road, which was lit by klieg lights, the headlights of jeeps and trucks, and the soldiers' flashlights. Blue lights blinked a path from the twisting curve from which the object had been thrown.

Officers gathered a group of soldiers around a jeep's headlights to study a map. Then they decided to bring the men in the houses overlooking the road out onto the large parking lot alongside Solomon's Pools. The tourist site had become an interrogation centre.

All the lights in the houses nearby were on at first, but as the soldiers made their way toward the single-storey homes with their Eiffel Tower-style television antennas, they blinked off into darkness, one by one.


Two soldiers approached each house. In the first, a woman in a yellow robe opened the door. The soldiers went in and a moment later a man and a boy came out. They were sent to stand next to a stone wall alongside another of the houses. The boy held back, glancing at his mother on the porch. But a soldier waved him on to the wall.

And then they started coming from the other houses, too. The soldiers didn't shout, and the men, in house-slippers and sweaters — no time for jackets — walked out, slapping their hands against their arms, passing cigarettes one to the other. Not enough time to bring cigarettes either.

A soldier held their orange ID cards. Eventually there were two dozen men lined up in front of the jeeps. From the porches of the buildings, the women looked on, holding their housecoats tight to their bodies with one hand, the other hand held palm to cheek or stretched out in a begging, anxious gesture.

The lab men sprayed the footprints found by the tracker. Casts would be made, but the tracker said that it would be easier to search in the morning. Of course, he added, there will also be a lot of soldiers' footprints by then. In the morning, the soldiers would resume the search for the remains of whatever it was that had smashed the side window of the bus that had only had a driver as a passenger.

And in the morning the laconic two-paragraph newspaper story would say only that a driver was slightly wounded when his bus was hit by a home-made grenade on the road from Bethlehem to Hebron, near Solomon's Pools.



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Kuwait alarmed as Gulf war draws near

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The Kuwaiti and the Jordanian parliaments yesterday discussed the renewal of fierce fighting between Iraq and Iran, with the Kuwaiti meeting held in camera and the Jordanian an open session. This reflects the deep concern of Kuwait and the other Persian Gulf states over the latest developments.

Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad, the Kuwaiti foreign minister, reported to the parliament on his discussions in Damascus on Sunday with President Hafez Assad and on Monday in Baghdad with President Saddam Hussein. Kuwait apparently was not assured that Syria, a staunch ally to Iran against Iraq, would intercede with Iran concerning Kuwait's anxiety about the fighting, which is now very near to the Kuwaiti frontier. It is recalled that the Kuwaiti parliament has many times urged its government and that of other Gulf oil-producing countries to stop any financial aid to Syria if it continues to support Iran against Iraq.

Similar demands were raised in the Jordanian House of Deputies,

where the members urged the Arab nation to support Iraq by implementing the Arab League Collective Security Pact.

Hazem Nuseibah, the Jordanian acting foreign minister, issued a statement in Amman condemning the Iranian-Libyan statement issued in Tripoli and Teheran on Sunday evening on the Gulf war. Nuseibah said that the statement included gross and open support for "the Iranian aggression" against Iraq.

Iran and Iraq both reported continued fierce fighting along their battlefield in southern Iraq yesterday, as the UN Security Council prepared to discuss the deteriorating situation.

A large Iranian troop-landing ship was "hit and blown up" by missiles fired from Iraqi boats in the northern tip of the gulf, the Iraqi communiqué added.

Iran said its forces continued to advance from the oil port of Faw, moving north toward Basra, Iraq's second largest city, and west toward the Iraqi naval base of Umm-Qasr next to the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border.



Jubilant Iranian soldiers yesterday parade through the Iraqi port that they captured over the weekend. (AFP telephoto)

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

68 die, hundreds hurt in Chilean train crash

LIMACHE, Chile (Reuters). — Two crowded passenger trains collided head-on in central Chile Monday night, killing 68 people and injuring more than 460, police sources said yesterday.

It was the worst rail disaster in the country's history. Sixty-two bodies were pulled from the twisted wreckage, and hospitals in the region treated 464 people for injuries, police said.

Dutch government stalls on euthanasia bill

THE HAGUE (Reuters). — The Dutch government has delayed euthanasia legislation despite majority support in parliament. But backers of the bill said yesterday the Netherlands is still set to be the first country to allow mercy-killing.

The issue split the ruling centre-right coalition in parliament as Liberals joined opposition parties in supporting the proposal, while their senior Christian Democratic partners opposed it.

The justice minister suggested postponement of the question, and a Liberal spokesman said his intervention had ensured that the bill could not become law before the general election due in May.

Cardboard troops guard East German border

BONN (Reuters). — East Germany is using soldiers made of cardboard to man watchtowers along its heavily fortified frontier with West Germany, the Interior Ministry in Bonn said yesterday.

"In the forward frontier area the watchtowers were increasingly left unmanned during 1985, and cardboard figures were installed in them to fool people trying to escape to the West," it said.

More than 700 watchtowers dot the border, running 1,700 km. from the Baltic to the Czechoslovak frontier.

"Ex-Satanist" accused of duping devil's foes

MAIDSTONE, England (AFP). — A man calling himself a "reformed satanist" allegedly conned several rich Christians into giving him more than £200,000 to finance a "war against the devil," a prosecutor charged in court here Monday.

The prosecutor alleged that the victims of Derry Mainwaring-Knight, 46, included a viscount, an earl who owns Britain's prestigious Goodwood Race Course, and the wife of a millionaire Conservative member of Parliament.

Mainwaring-Knight pleaded not guilty to 19 charges of deception. According to the prosecution, he persuaded a "loving, caring and kindly" church minister, John Baker, that he needed money to rescue members of "a satanic circle" and save their souls.

But instead of saving satanist souls, the prosecution claimed, the defendant used the money to buy sports cars, live in luxury hotels and consort with prostitutes.

Family of six die of thirst in the Outback

DARWIN (AFP). — A family of six found dead on a lonely Outback cattle ranch in Northern Australia probably died of thirst after their vehicle bogged down in sand, police said yesterday.

The bodies of three adults and three children were found near a van on Newcastle Waters Station, some 500 kilometres south of here.

Temperatures in the arid outback often reach 50 degrees centigrade. Following the discovery of a woman's body Sunday, police found the bodies of two men, two young girls and a baby boy.

24 die in downtown Rio de Janeiro fire

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP). — Three people jumped to their deaths and 21 others died from burns or asphyxiation in a fire at a downtown office building here yesterday.

Rio's civil-defense secretary said the fire had spread quickly because the 46-year-old building did not meet fire safety standards set for new buildings.

Legal action clouds Kohl's future

BONN. — The announcement that Chancellor Helmut Kohl must answer criminal charges over his testimony to an official inquiry into corruption has plunged him into a scandal that could endanger his political survival.

Kohl, 55, became the first West German chancellor to face criminal proceedings Monday when a state prosecutor announced he is being investigated on suspicion of giving false testimony to a parliamentary corruption inquiry.

The charge is punishable by up to five years in jail. Kohl's chief spokesman, Friedhelm Ost, appeared on the main evening television news to deny the allegation on the chancellor's behalf.

Calling the suspicion unfounded, Ost said the chancellor would face the proceedings "with equanimity," since he had testified to the best of his knowledge and in good faith. Ost said proceedings against leading politicians were not new in West German political life, but his office acknowledged that it could find no precedent for criminal action involving an incumbent chancellor.

The allegation that Kohl testified falsely to a panel of inquiry of the Rhineland-Palatine State Parliament in Mainz on July 18 last year was made by opposition Greens Party deputy Otto Schily, 53, a West Berlin lawyer.

Kohl was state premier as well as national chairman of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) in the early 1970s. Schily accused Kohl of wrongfully denying he knew that DM240 million (\$100m) in corporate campaign donations were illegally funnelled to the CDU and Free Democrats through tax-exempt foundations from 1968 to 1980.

Schily made his allegation public at a Bonn news conference last month, but little notice was taken until Monday when Kohl's state prosecutor Hans Seeliger announced that proceedings based on the charge were going ahead.

Kohl, who earlier dismissed the move as "mud-slinging" before next January's election, learned of the proceedings against him from news-agency reports, Ost said.

A television news bulletin displayed a transcript of Kohl's Mainz testimony showing he answered "No" when asked if he knew of the money-laundering schemes.

It showed a letter Kohl wrote to the chairman of the inquiry two months later saying his "answer could be misconstrued...if taken in isolation."

The Bonn prosecutor's office also said it was examining a further charge by Schily that Kohl testified falsely to a parliamentary inquiry in 1984 when he denied receiving DM 55,000 (\$23,500) from the Flick conglomerate for CDU party coffers.

Hans-Jochen Vogel, who leads the opposition Social Democratic Party in parliament, said in an interview published yesterday in the Cologne Express that it was too soon to call on Kohl to resign just because of the probe.

Parliament elects the chancellor, and could oust Kohl by proposing a "constructive vote of no-confidence." Such an action would boot out the old chancellor and elect a new one in the same vote. (Reuters, AP).

Dutch demand answers from traitor's grave

THE HAGUE (Reuters). — Demands are mounting in the Netherlands for the body of the country's most notorious war traitor to be dug up from the Rotterdam grave where it has lain since 1946. That is, if the body is there.

World War II Resistance veterans, historians, newspapers and even the traitor's surviving brother believe it may be the only way to clear up a mystery about how and why he died.

It could also put an end to speculation that he was not buried there at all, but was smuggled to South America where he could still be alive today.

The traitor was Christiaan Lindemans, blamed for betraying more than 250 of his Dutch Resistance comrades to the Nazis and for trying to give away the Allied plan for a mass airborne assault on the Dutch town of Arnhem in 1944.

Officially, he died after making a lovers' suicide pact with a nurse in a prison in The Hague after his capture and interrogation by the Dutch and British.

But recent investigations have highlighted discrepancies in that official account and prompted suggestions that Lindemans was murdered. That in turn has raised the questions of who the killers were and why they might have done the deed.

The pressure to have the grave opened has come mainly from the *Haarlems Dagblad*, where reporters Jan de Roos and Arthur Maandag have been studying the case for two years.

They scored a victory this month when they forced the government, through the courts, to release most of the papers in the Dutch secret service file on Lindemans.

Louis de Jong, official Dutch historian of World War II, said the documents indicated it was possible Lindemans was murdered. If opening the grave would help clear up the doubts, it should be opened, he concluded.

Further suspicion surrounds his companion in the suicide pact, who mysteriously survived. De Roos and Maandag say there is evidence she was a Dutch secret service agent. She died in 1959.

They believe an examination of the remains lying in Crooswijk Cemetery would show whether Lindemans died from a beating or, as the official version says, from poison.

More simply, it could confirm or deny the theory put forward two years ago by a historian of the Arnhem attack that he escaped to South America.

The traitor's surviving brother Henk, now a Rotterdam businessman, has suggested that he may have been killed to shut his mouth.

De Roos and Maandag say the official files show there was at least one cover-up, intended to conceal just how deeply the traitor penetrated the Allied high command in 1944.

The decision on opening Lindemans' grave rests with Rotterdam Mayor Abraham Peper. His verdict is expected within a few weeks.

Storms ravage U.S. coast

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A powerful Pacific storm pounded the western U.S. yesterday after the heaviest rain in three decades unleashed floods that forced hundreds to flee.

The storm released mudslides and avalanches that cut off towns, swept away houses and blocked major highways and a railroad line.

Waves of storms, powered by winds up to 160kph, have left at least six people dead and three missing since striking the coast a week ago. More than 450 millimetres of rain and 2.5 metres of snow have hit some areas since the storms began.

They were expected to ease by yesterday afternoon, allowing rescuers a chance to evacuate more people before another storm strikes by the end of the week, the National Weather Service said.

"They're talking about three weather fronts coming in in the next 36 hours, dumping something like 2mm. of rain every three hours," said the Tehama County sheriff in Red Bluff, on the Sacramento River.

A state of emergency was declared in four northwest Nevada counties late Monday because of flooding, enabling Gov. Richard Bryan to call out the National Guard if needed to assist in evacuations.

Crews piled sandbags to channel the Truckee River through downtown streets in Reno and Sparks, Nevada. The Weather Service said winds of up to 160kph. overturned large trucks.

In California's Sierra Nevada, where the storms dropped up to 2.5 metres of snow, a major highway was expected to remain blocked for up to a week because of a massive rockslide.

Another slide covered railroad tracks, forcing an Amtrak passenger train with about 600 people aboard to backtrack to Reno.

An avalanche Monday cut off about 500 people at June Lake, California, a ski resort near the Yosemite National Park. Another avalanche struck the nearby town of Twin Lakes, but no injuries were reported.

About 600 people were given shelter in California, where flooding isolated three towns.

SPORTS

Discipline costs Betar dear

BY PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Netanya went up for a midweek sortie to the capital yesterday and went away with the spoils. They inflicted an embarrassing 2-1 defeat on Betar Jerusalem at the YMCA ground. The defeat in a postponed National League match from Saturday came as a hard blow to Betar's championship ambitions, leaving the team in 4th place in the first division standings.

Following a prematch argument, Betar coach Dror Kashtan did not field Uri Malmilian, his team's key schemer. The coach retaliated by sidelining Malmilian as a disciplinary measure.

The move exploded in Kashtan's face. The Netanya midfield took the opportunity to call the tune until late in the game, when the home side were already trailing 2-0.

Squash keeps on growing

TEL AVIV. — The luxurious Ra'anana Squash Centre is due to open early next month. Located in the gardens of the Ra'anana Bowling Club, the \$500,000 facility includes a stadium with comfortable seating for up to 300 spectators — a large number in the context of squash.

Two of the remaining three courts are also glass-backed, to accommodate more spectators. The centre has been built by Israel Squash Promotions, with the Ra'anana Municipality donating the land in exchange for provision of squash lessons for local schoolchildren. Investments for the project

The visitors went ahead in the 8th minute through Micael Rochan after a Yigal Meizbaum corner and extended the lead in the 59th minute when Ronnie Levy was called off the reserves bench, and rewarded coach Ze'ev Gelzer with a quick goal. Betar piled late pressure on the Netanya goal but found Aris Hariv at the top of his form in goal. Asher Sasson scored a late consolation goal for Betar. Four thousand saw the game.

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Zvi Rosen has been appointed coach to Hapoel Jerusalem. He replaces Nino Bargig, who resigned last week. Rosen previously coached Maccabi Netanya, in the early part of the season, but drew the necessary conclusions, as Bargig did in Jerusalem, and resigned when Maccabi lost several games in a row.

Rosen, who captained Israel and Maccabi Tel Aviv for many years, was one of the finest defensive players the country ever produced, but has yet to find his best from the sidelines.

Maccabi are simply raring to go

by DON GOULD

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv have set off for Madrid in buoyant mood even though they realize that they have a daunting task ahead of them if they are to keep their hopes alive of winning a place in the European basketball Cup final.

They will be seeking tomorrow night to register their first win in 11 attempts since 1968 on Spanish soil and in so doing avenge the defeat inflicted upon them by Real Madrid here at the end of last year.

But Maccabi are not counting on optimism alone; they know that defeat in this or any one of the remaining two games against Limoges and Milan will mean their being sidelined to wait another year for Cup glory.

Two very positive factors working to boost the team's spirits — the 152-point pounding they delivered to Maccabi Ramat Gan on Monday night in league play-off action, and the fact that their veteran point guard Motti Aronst is back on court after recovering from a muscle strain.

With Aronst back in the fold, coach Zvi Sherut announced that the entire Maccabi line-up is fit and raring to go.

Swedes looking very good

BOCA RATON (Reuters). — While others have been getting all the attention, three Swedish players have been quietly dominating the valuable international players tennis championships here.

"I love it that way," said second-seeded Mats Wilander, who is joined in tomorrow's quarterfinals by his countrymen Stefan Edberg and Joakim Nyström.

Wimbledon champion Boris Becker was an early upset victim and top seed Ivan Lendl and fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors have advanced in less than top form. The Swedes, meanwhile, have swept straight through.

Lendl, however, squandered three match points in the ninth game of the second set while leading 5-3 before finally putting away his American opponent. "I guess I'm having trouble finishing off my matches," said the top-seed. "The same thing happened to me in my other matches. I'm not hitting the ball with confidence."

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THEY CAME to Jerusalem as representatives of one of the smallest Jewish communities in the world. It was their first experience of a plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress, but they were neither awed nor intimidated by some giants of contemporary Jewish life at the assembly.

On the contrary, they made the giants feel uncomfortable. Most of the participants in the congress were not previously familiar with Barbadians Aaron Truss and Paul Altman, but by the time the deliberations were over, they certainly knew who they were.

Truss, Barbados Minister for Tourism and the Environment, made everyone sit up and take notice when he publicly lambasted the manner in which the assembly had been organized, what he considered to be the Jewishly irrelevant issues in the programme, and what he felt was the WJC's lack of attention to the needs and preservation of the "minute shards of Jewry."

Widely applauded, Truss is now threatening to lobby for the withdrawal from the WJC of the 26 Commonwealth countries, whose combined Jewish populations number about one million. Charging that the WJC "is turning a blind eye towards the obvious," Truss contends that the WJC leadership is too caught up with superpower politics and not sufficiently concerned with what small Jewish communities can do to influence their respective governments.

Although his own family roots are in Russia, Truss, the first Barbadian Jew to enter parliament and become a cabinet member, believes that getting Jews out of the Soviet Union should not be the first priority of the Jewish people.

As someone who laboured for well over a decade to get his own brother out of Russia, Truss nonetheless advocates that some of the energy channelled into Soviet Jewry movements be redirected towards keeping Jewish tradition alive in countries where Jews are dying out.

IN BARBADOS, where there are 15 Jewish families, everyone regularly attends synagogue services, "out of a sense of mutual responsibility" towards each other. Each male is acutely conscious that he may be the vital tenth man in a *minyan* because some of his neighbours might be abroad or ill or unable to attend for some other reason.

Barbados, in the West Indies, was colonized by the British in 1627. The first Jews settled on the island a year later, fleeing the Portuguese conquest of Brazil which had previously been under Dutch administration. They established Congregation Nidrei Israel (the Banished of Israel) in 1654, and Barbados thus had the distinction of being three years ahead of Britain in permitting public worship for Jews.

The Jewish community prospered and grew. At one stage it numbered 800, including wealthy plantation owners and merchants.

In 1831, a hurricane devastated the island's agriculture and destroyed many buildings, including the Bar-



Interior of the synagogue in Barbados, photographed when it was still in use. Below, Aaron Truss, minister for tourism and the environment, the island's first Jewish MP and cabinet member. (Dan Landau)

An island of caring

Greer Fay Cashman hears about the 15 Jewish families on Barbados

bados synagogue. It was reconstructed two years later at a cost of \$4,000, a considerable sum of money then. But most of the Jews moved to America and England.

By the end of the 19th century, there were only two practicing Jews left in Barbados. In 1929 Edmund Baeza, the congregation's sole survivor, sold the synagogue.

IN 1983 THE PROPERTY, which meanwhile had served as an office building, racing-club headquarters and law library, was acquired by the government. The plan was to demolish the building and erect a supreme court building on the site.

The present Jewish community, which dates back 400 years, was suddenly galvanized into action and together with the Barbados National Trust and Caribbean Conservation Association persuaded the government to place the building under the aegis of the Barbados National

Trust. The final decision was taken by cabinet last year. The government wanted assurance that it would not have to foot the restoration bill unaided, and the Jewish community was more than willing to pledge its assistance.

Paul Altman, coordinator of the restoration project, is the grandson of Moses Altman, the first pioneer of the revived Jewish community of Barbados. Altman muses that had his grandfather left his native Lublin in Poland three or four years earlier, the synagogue might never have been sold at all. Moses Altman brought two sons and three daughters to Barbados and soon they were joined by Jewish families from other islands in the West Indies, among them the Truss family, which had settled first in Guyana and then moved on to Trinidad and finally to Barbados.

Aaron Truss's father came from a village near Kiev. His father had



been a Tora scribe. The family name in Kiev had been Trusso. The younger Trusso married in the early 1930s and had a son, Misha. As was common at the time, he left his wife and son in the village and set out into the world to improve his lot. His target was Venezuela. He thought that once he had established himself there, he would send for his family.

But he took ill just before the boat docked in Guyana, and he was taken off the ship. He remained in Guyana, and lost contact with his wife and son. When World War II was over, he was told that they had perished. He met a woman whose own mother was from Guyana and whose father was from Hongkong.

She was an Anglican, and converted to Judaism. According to her son Aaron, it was an halachic conversion.

The couple had three children, for whom they thought they could provide better in Trinidad, where two more children were born to them. In 1953 they joined a small group of Jews moving from Trinidad to Barbados.

AARON TRUSS's father went to work for another Jew who ran a successful textile and clothing retail outlet. One day in the early 1960s, a Russian tourist ship pulled into port and into the store walked a childhood friend from Kiev, who instantly recognized the senior Truss, embraced him, and told him that Misha had survived the war and had been cared for by an aunt.

In the late 1960s father and son were reunited in Moscow. The elder Truss went back to Russia twice before the Soviet authorities eventually granted Misha's request to visit his family in Barbados.

Had his younger brother Aaron not entered politics in 1976, Misha would have had to wait much longer. The Soviets had asked for a formal government invitation for him. It was only because Aaron had been nominated by the late Prime Minister Tom Adams to serve in the Senate Chamber that the family could approach the government of Barbados to issue a formal invitation, which was conveyed via the Barbadian embassy in London. Like his father before him, Misha left his wife and child behind — but he went back. After many fruitless applications, the whole family received exit visas three years ago and went to join relatives in Canada.

Truss and his wife spend six months of the year in Canada and six months in Barbados.

Aaron Truss is involved in the synagogue restoration project both as a Jew and in his parliamentary capacity. The synagogue, once restored, he noted, will add to the tourist attractions of the island, which depends on tourism for more than half of its gross national product.

Estimated cost of the project is \$1 million, 10 per cent of which, says Altman, is already in hand. Fund raising began three months ago. "This is not simply a Barbadian project," Altman emphasized. "It's an international project." The evidence of this is that the project has been adopted by both the American Jewish Congress and the Commonwealth Jewish Trust, through which tax deductible contributions can be made.

"We are trying to save a historical monument to the movement of the Jewish people," explains Altman. The Barbados synagogue is one of the two oldest synagogues in the Western Hemisphere. The other is in Curaçao.

Adjacent to the Barbados synagogue is a Jewish graveyard in which some of the headstones are engraved with skull and cross-bones, signifying that there were Jews in Barbados who were pirates. Altman observes that "it is interesting" that the community never tried to hide the fact.

Pluralistic approach

The debate on setting up a rabbinical court whose rulings would be acceptable to Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews continues here with an opinion from Reform rabbi Moshe Zemer

A JOINT *beit din* of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements in the U.S. could improve the religious scene both halachically and in terms of the needs of *khal Yisrael*.

The pluralistic character of Halacha is often ignored by those who do not cooperate with Jews of other movements on religious issues. In spite of the great differences between the Schools of Hillel and Shammai, the choice was left to the individual to choose his way. The Talmud records (Erubin 6b) that "he who wishes to act according to the ruling of the School of Shammai may do so and he who wishes to act in agreement with the ruling of the School of Hillel may do so."

In the modern era, as well, pluralism has characterized the application of Jewish law to innumerable aspects of life. Evidence can be found in the current controversy whether Ethiopian Jews must undergo conversion. Certain members of the Chief Rabbinate Council disagree with the stringent position of the chief rabbis, as do the latter's two predecessors.

We find a plurality of opinions and decisions on conversion within the Israeli rabbinical establishment. The Haifa District Beit Din has frequently held that a gentile woman who is civilly married to a Jew may not be converted and these decisions have been consistently upheld by the Supreme Rabbinical Court. Yet the late chief rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog explicitly stated in a similar case: "If they come to ask whether to convert her or not, we would say: Convert her so that she may be married, for certainly she and her Jewish mate will not be separated" (*Responsa Heichal Yitzhak*, No. 20).

His position is buttressed by a number of other modern responsas.

Throughout the generations rabbis of such opposing views of life and approaches to the law were able to communicate and cooperate in spite of their substantial differences, which, at times, were greater than those that exist between rabbis of different affiliation today. How much the more should modern rabbis do everything possible to cooperate with mutual respect in the sensitive and crucial area of conversion?

It is universally accepted that mixed marriage is one of the severest problems of the Jewish people today. It is rampant among all the

religious movements in the U.S. as well as in other countries where only Orthodoxy exists. The prophylactic measures of Tora education and youth movements have not succeeded in stemming the tide. *Ex post facto*, the only viable solution to mixed marriage is a sincere conversion leading to a unified Jewish family.

Conversion is a religious and halachic matter that should come under the aegis of qualified rabbis and not a political issue to be decided by secularists or by non-Jews in the Knesset. However, if the Orthodox continue to take an insular stance, the determination will fall to politicians who are unqualified to decide.

There is a history of cooperation in halachic matters among the three American movements. The Commission on the Jewish Chaplaincy, comprising Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, has a joint Committee on Responsa that offers solutions to halachic problems that affect Jewish military personnel. Joint rabbinical courts operated most successfully in Denver, Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri until outside pressures put an end to these cooperative ventures.

There are Reform *beit din* in the U.S. and Canada whose conversions are in accordance with Halacha. The rabbinical courts of the progressive movements in Israel, the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe all require *revila* (immersion), circumcision or *halafat dam b'rit* (token bloodletting) and acceptance of yoke of the commandments. Of course, there may be great differences in interpreting each of these requirements, but the alternative is the present situation of increasing intermarriage and assimilation, interspersed by the semi-annual "Who is a Jew" festival in the Knesset.

This is such a crucial issue that every rabbi, whatever his affiliation, should attempt to bridge the gap and heed the talmudic call: "It is time to work for the Lord" (*Berachot* 63a).

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Edison: Commando; **Habiba:** Back to the Future 4.30, 6.45, 9.15; **NEW Park:** IV.

the Future 4.30, 6.45, 9; **Kmr. Rocky IV, Mitchell:** Target 6.45, 9.15; **Orgill:** Year of the Dragon 4, 8.30, 9; **Orna:** Crazy Weekend; **Ron:** The Lover; **Semedar:** Purple Rose of Cairo 7, 9.15; **Binyanei Ha'uma:** When Father Was Away on Business 6.45, 9; **Beit Agon:**

Gremlins 3.30; Koyaanisqatsi 6; Big Chill 7.45; Gorky Park 9.30; Cinemasque: Yojimbo 7; Un Chien Andalou, L'age D'or; Two Men and a Wardrobe 7 (small hall); Goldiggers of 1933 at 9 (small hall); Sanjuro 9.30

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: Naked Face 5, 7.30, 9.30; **Beit**
Leissin: Fright Night 11.15 p.m.; **Ben-**
Yehuda: Back to the Future; **Chen 1:**
 Year of the Dragon 4.15, 7, 9.45; **Chen**
2: American Flyer 5, 7.20, 9.45; **Chen**

3: Marie 5, 7.20, 9.45; **Chen 4:** Doin' Time 10.30, 1.30, 4.45, 7.20, 9.40; **Chen 5:** The Sure Thing 10.30, 1.30, 4.45, 7.20, 9.40; **Cinema One:** For Those I Loved 5, 8; **Cinema Two:** Purple Rose of Cairo; **Delcel:** White Nights 7, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Les Ripoux 7.15, 9.30; **Sex**

film, 12 midnight; Esther: Crazy Weekend; Gat: Plenty 4.30, 7, 9.30; Gordon: Choose Me; Hod: Death Wish III; Lev I: Target 1.30, 4.50, 7.15, 9.30; Lev II: Destiny 2, 5, 7.30, 9.40; Limer Hametudush: Prizzi's Honor 4.30, 7, 9.30; Marduk: Birch 4.30, 7, 9.30; Mica:

3.30, **Imagines**: Dirty 3.30, 7, 9.30, **Magable**: **Commando**: **Only**: **And the Ship Sails On** 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Parts**: **When Night Falls** 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer**: **When Father Was Away on Business** 4.15, 7, 9.30; **Shaher**: **The Lover**, **Studio**: **Jagged Edge**; **Tamuz Hamahu**: **Jack**, **Yasakuni**; **Yamuz**, **Yamuz**.

**dean: Clockwork Orange 7, 9.30;
Tchelet: Deer Hunter 6, 9; Tel Aviv:
Rocky IV; Tel Aviv Museum: Favorites**

20.30 Tazpit - science and technology magazine
21.00 Mabot Newsreel
21.30 Moked
22.05 Hud. Martin Ritt's 1963 Oscar-winning film stars Paul Newman and

Patricia Neal
23.55 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour
19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in
Arabic 20.30 Three's Company 21.10
Documentary 22.00 News in English

MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.J. with):
13.00 Woody Woodpecker
13.30 Another Life **14.00 700 Club**
14.30 Shape-Up **15.00 Afternoon**
Movie **16.30 Spiderman** **17.00 Super**
Book **17.30 Muppets** **18.00 Buck Ro-**

gers 19.00 News 20.00 A-Team 21.00
Another Life 21.30 Remington Steele
22.30 Cagney & Lacey 22.30 700 Club

of the Moon; Zafon: Ran 8.15, 9.30; Israel Cinematheque: Hello Sister 7; Le Regle du Jeu 9.30; Beth Hatefutsoth: Charlotte 7

Amphitheatre: Back to the Future 4.30, 7, 9.15; **Armon:** Commando; **Atzmon:** Death Wish III, 4.30, 7, 9; **Chen:** Rumble Fish; **Keren Or Hamohudash:** Kase 6, 9; **Moriah:** closed for renovations; **Oran:** The Lover, 4.30, 7, 9.15; **Oran, Isaac, Fina:** 5.15.

RAMATGAN

Armon: Crazy Weekend 5, 7.15, 9.30;
Lily: Prizzi's Honor 7, 9.30; Romancing
the Stone 4.30; **Oasis:** Year of the
Dragon 6.50, 9.30; **Ordes:** Death Wish
III, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** For Those I
Loved 6.45, 9.30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Marie S.

HERZLIYA
David: Crazy Weekend 4.30 7.15 9.30.

Holon: Rocky IV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30;
Tiferet: Commando 4.30, 7.15, 9.15;

HOLON

Migdal: Year of the Dragon 7, 9.30;
Savoy: Rocky IV, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30;
Armon: Mamebo... 7.15, 9.30;

BAT YAM
Atznaut: Rocky IV, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

RAMAT HASHARON
Kochav: Amadeus 9.30; Never Ending
Story 7

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MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

The truth about Zim

The government is not about to take on itself the repayment of the heavy debt burden of Zim. This is a misrepresentation of what is being discussed and looks like being decided in connection with the future of Israel's national shipping line.

By extension, loose talk that lumps companies like Zim, Solel Boneh and Elscint in the same boat (sic), reflects either lack of knowledge or wilful distortion of the problems and possible solutions facing each of these companies.

Zim is a very remarkable outfit, deserving of far more attention than it receives in the media, and certainly of far more favourable reporting than is its lot. In an industry that is in worldwide decline, Zim has done well to keep going, financially in the black more years than not.

Its problems stem from an ill-judged expansion, which bloated it with debt and with too many sailors on the wrong types of ships.

Into this mess walked the Eisenberg group, through its purchase of the controlling stake in the Israel Corporation, which itself held 50 per cent of Zim. Whether Eisenberg wanted Zim then is one of the questions that has not yet been answered. Similarly, it is unclear whether the extraordinary turnaround in profits that has occurred since mid-1984, which has seen Zim move from heavy losses to significant profits, can be attributed directly or indirectly to Eisenberg's takeover.

But what is indisputable is that the turnaround took place and that the idea that Zim is about to go bust has no base in reality. The unaudited figures that it issued for 1985 gave its annual operating profit as \$96 million and, even after paying interest on all its debts and meeting maturities, there was a net profit of \$8m. for the year.

This leaves the debt problem intact, because even the current profits will not allow Zim to pay off the number of large loans maturing in the next year or two. Such a situation is normally dealt with by rescheduling debts and making their payments more manageable.

It ought to be enough to let the banks sort it out with the company, except for two points. First, who owns the company - i.e., to whom do the banks talk? Second, about what do they talk, since they lack the resources to carry out the rescheduling and to obtain them they need special government dispensation.

As to the first, it is now clear that Eisenberg is fed up and wants out. Despite the recent successes at Zim, Eisenberg has had enough - of Israel generally, it is said by some, and of Moda' in particular, by others - and is ready to let the government have full ownership of Zim in return for a release of the Israel Corp. from its guarantees for Zim's loans.

This, if it is indeed implemented, will leave the government as absolute owner of Zim, as well as guarantor of its debts. This is still different from the role of the government as such, i.e., in determining if the monetary and foreign exchange rules can be bent in order to facilitate the banks' rescheduling of Zim's debts. There is also the government's role in determining whether Israel needs a flag carrier as a strategic necessity.

Once these various roles are sorted out, the rescheduling of Zim's debts and its operational recovery programme can proceed relatively smoothly.

Unlike Solel Boneh and even Elscint, Zim's commercial future should not be in doubt, especially after the slump in oil prices, which will help it greatly. By extension, the government is not going to have to pay the company's debts, much less to help out the banks from the effects of a Zim default.

A million Chinese car owners in 14 years

PEKING (AFP). - A million Chinese are expected to be able to afford a car by the end of the century, and the country's motor industry is gearing up to satisfy their demand, an official newspaper said Sunday, according to the China Daily.

The Chinese motor industry is already making preparations to satisfy a demand for a million private motor cars by the year 2000.

Chinese people were given the right to own private cars in 1984, and Peking last May imported 20,000 Polish mini-cars based on the Fiat 126, for sale to individuals at 23,000 yuan (\$7,143), twice cost price.

סדרה מן האל

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	99.85	+0.56%
Non-Bank Index	106.52	+0.25%
Arrangement	98.74	+0.40%
Insurance	111.93	-0.20%
Commerce, Services	105.75	+0.31%
Real Estate	119.32	+3.16%
Industrials	103.75	+0.34%
Textiles	123.04	+0.26%
Metals	99.83	+0.07%
Electronics	94.56	+0.22%
Chemicals	102.54	+0.23%
Industrial Invest.	109.22	+1.72%
Investment Cos.	111.27	+1.91%
General Bond Index	96.74	+0.21%
Index-linked Bonds	96.78	+0.11%
Fully-linked	97.88	-0.02%
Partially-linked	96.11	+0.17%
Dollar-linked Bonds	98.30	+0.83%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	97.34	+0.34%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	96.80	+0.17%
Long-term 5+ yrs	95.67	+0.17%

Turnovers:

Shares - total	NIS 5,967,400
Non-Bank	NIS 1,963,000
Arrangement	NIS 4,003,400
Bonds - total	NIS 3,623,800
Index-linked	NIS 1,692,000
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,931,800
Treasury Bills	NIS 2,459,900

Share Movements:

Advances	168 (220)
of which 5% +	33 (48)
"buyers only"	10 (15)
Declines	113 (83)
of which 5% -	20 (19)
"sellers only"	2 (3)
Unchanged	122 (79)
Trading Halt	41 (52)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	3% fully-linked	Minor movements
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4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%
80% linked	Slight rises
90% linked	Stable
Double-linked	Slight rises
Dollar-linked	Rises to 1%
Admon	Rises to 1%
Rimon	Rises to 1%
Gilboa	Rises to 1%
For. Curr.	Stable
denominated	Stable
Treasury Bills	Stable
(monthly yield)	1.80% to 1.88%

Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	15.00%
Union 0.1	14.89%
Misrahi r.	15.01%
Hapoalim r.	15.30%
General A	15.01%
Leumi stock	15.01%
Fin. Trade 1	14.30%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Martime 1	810	2511	—
First Int'l	2880	3192	+1.89
FIBI	2820	5057	+0.9
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB r.	73570	368	+0.8
Union 0.1	55100	8	+0.3
Discount	84250	24	—
Misrahi	30180	512	—
Hapoalim r.	49850	1502	+0.1
General A	62305	—	+2.1
Leumi 0.1	31875	1786	+0.8
Fin. Trade	43001	1	—
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi Mort. r.	3370	412	—
Dev. Mort.	948	419	—
Mishkan r.	1890	74	-3.9
Tefahot r.	9800	31	-1.0
Merav r.	1730	248	—
Financial Institutions			
Agri C	23631	—	+0.5
Ind. Dev. DD	84047	65	—
Clal Leasing 0.1	4888	—	—
Insurance			
Ararat 0.1 r	3380	329	+0.1
Haasneh r	2585	2935	—
Phoenix 0.1	1220	790	-2.4
Hamishmar	4570	—	-0.7
Menorah 1	5828	8	—
Sahar r	2648	209	—
Zion Hold. 1	8953	6	+1.0
Trade & Services			
Meir Ezra	4100	50	-1.2
Supersol 2	4000	733	+1.2
Delek r	3855	2084	—
Lightage	7378	151	-8.9
Cold Storage	700	132	-6.5
Dan Hotels	3413	70	-3.4
Yarden Hotel	1930	37	+1.0
Hilon 1	6329	182	+10.0
Team 1	1750	1355	+5.4
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azorim	2840	1199	+1.8
Elion	579	472	-0.1
Africa Isr. 0.1	34500	187	+3.8
Dankor	2920	317	+2.1
Prop. & Bldg.	2310	3429	+6.0
Bayside 0.1	3735	125	+8.3
ILDC r	32850	440	+8.8
Rascor	2205	572	—
Mahadim	11000	150	+1.8
Hadarim	999	1730	—
Industrials			
Dubek b	2540	440	+2.0
Pri-Ze 1	4050	1213	—
Sunfrost	4955	41	-1.6
Elite	9890	133	-1.1
Adgar	524	480	-0.2
Argaman r	6700	288	-2.4
Delta G 1	3890	714	+1.3
Marquette 1	18500	4	-4.6
Eagle 1	9080	155	+1.5
Polgat 0.1	9660	5380	+0.9
Schoellerin	12690	186	+1.7
Rogosin	2565	604	—
Urdan 0.1 r	11801	304	—
Is. Can Co. 1	760	2814	+1.8
Zion Cables	1850	633	—
Packer Steel	3801	24	-2.5
Elbit 3 r	—	—	no trading
Elron			
352000	2	—	—
Art	36800	42	-1.6
Clal Electronics	2855	3752	+2.0
Spectronix 1	1665	587	-0.6
I.A.T. 1	3335	179	+0.9
Ackstein 1	no trading	—	—
Agan 5	14600	78	—
Alliance	800	534	+0.1
Dextor	3100	32	-3.1
Fertilizers	9500	25	—
Haifa Chem.	625	2719	-2.4
Teva r	45300	131	+1.7
Dead Sea r	12800	893	—
Petrochem.	372	24560	—
Neca Chem.	3200	51	-3.0
Fruition	no trading	—	—
Hadera Paper	138000	38	—
Central Trade	5740	596	+2.5
Koor p	420000	0.6	+4.5
Clal Inds.	1297	10038	+0.9
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	2950	2489	—
Elion	2110	1421	—
Afik 1	545	900	—
Gahelot	1260	120	+2.9
Israel Corp. 1	5700	9121	+13.9
Wolfson 1 r	63500	—	—
Hapoalim Inv.	4205	954	—
Leumi Invest.	3810	621	-0.8
Discount Invest.	3970	2930	—
Misrahi Invest.	7970	17	-0.4
Clal 10	2150	778	+2.4
Landeco 0.1	5232	5	—
Pama 0.1	5600	70	—
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	10200	75	-1.4
J.O.E.L.	1203	1008	-3.5

FINANCIAL DATA: ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

Israel Money Markets February 18, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES

PRIME BORROWING RATE: 2 1/2% per month

Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	18.2	12-23%	13-21%	12-19%
HAPOLIM	18.2	15-25%	13-17%	13-18%
DISCOUNT	14.2	16-24%	16-25%	18-24%
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-19%	12-20%	12-18%
FIRST INT'L	5.2	12-24%	14-24%	14-24%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
Rates vary according to deposit paying daily interest.
(Taxes: demand deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH - FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of February 18)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	7.375	7.375	11.525
STG	11.750	11.750	4.000
DMK	3.125	3.875	3.250
SFR	4.500	4.375	4.375
YEN	—	—	—

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4783	1.4977	1.4883
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.1087	2.1350	2.1554
FRANCE	FRANC	6.575	6.575	6.6325
GERMANY	MARK	20.49	20.74	20.680
HOLLAND	GILDER	55.74	56.43	55.588
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	7.698	7.692	7.7836
SCANDINAVIA	KRONA	1.992	2.018	2.0201
NORWAY	KRONE	2.018	2.044	2.0230
DENMARK	KRONE	1.707	1.728	1.717
FINLAND	MARK	2.808	2.842	2.822
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0593	1.0725	1.0553
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0429	1.0658	1.0478
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	7.145	7.234	7.190
BELEM	FRANC	20.42	20.80	20.301
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	8.952	9.083	8.952
ITALY	LIRE	9.251	9.386	9.251
JAPAN	YEN	8.132	8.234	8.132
JORDAN	DINAR	—	—	0.8532
EGYPT	POUND	—	—	—

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European Financial Markets

Precious Metals

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	332.40	P.M. FIX	337.25
SILVER:	PARIS	NOON FIX	598.15	ZURICH P.M.	—
PLATINUM:	LONDON	P.M.	375.50	—	—
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	101.50	—	—

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

Forward Rates	SPOT	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
POUND STERLING	1.429000	157/153	290/285	515/500
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.3425/25	189/193	391/381	785/765
SWISS FRANC	1.9375/90	198/193	382/372	768/743
DUTCH GILDER	2.6465/60	143/138	285/275	605/590
FRENCH FRANC	7.1975/25	1125/1200	1925/2025	2600/2800
JAPANESE YEN	180.50/60	91/86	191/181	368/368
ITALIAN LIRA	1593.04/5	390/410	690/730	1140/1210
BELGIAN DOLLAR	47.31/36	31/27	47/57	58/70
HONGKONG DOLLAR	7.8040/50	245/215	515/485	1050/700
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.4835/55	62/52	63/53	135/100
CANADIAN DOLLAR	—	—	—	—
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	—	—	—	—
SWEDISH KRONA	—	—	—	—
NORWEGIAN KRONA	—	—	—	—
DANISH KRONA	—	—	—	—

Formula for determining forward rates:
high/low (eg. 220/210) — Deduct from spot price.
low/high (eg. 210/220) — Add to spot price.

ISRAELI STOCKS Traded in New York:

NYSE and ASE

	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	—	1 1/2	9	8 1/4	104
Am Int'l Pap	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/4	158
Ampel	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/4	118
Elscint	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/4	183
Ex. Lavud	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/4	145

Over the counter

	last	bid	ask		last	bid	ask
Bank Leumi	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/2	Interpharm	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2
Elbit	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/2	Optrotech	—	10 1/2	10 1/2
Elcint	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/2	Rada	9 1/2	9	9 1/2
Elron	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	Schex	—	3 1/2	3 1/2
Fibronics	—	—	—	Taro-vit	—	3 1/2	3 1/2
IDB Bank	—	—	—	Tevapfarm	—	6 1/2	6 1/2
	4 1/4	4 1/4	5 1/4	SPI	—	—	—

